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Unfortunately, I was not a businesswoman nor did I have the intention to collaborate with her.

After a moment of silence, I smiled and made an outrageous quote, "Thirty billion, then."

Thora immediately lowered her head and chuckled. "You're so funny, Ms. Stovall. Fuller Corporation's assets don't even exceed a billion. It doesn't seem appropriate that you'd quote such a price."

"Is that so..." I placed my arms on the table and propped my chin up. After pretending to rack my brains for a while, I raised my eyes and asked innocently, "Didn't you say that I can quote any price that I want?"

When Thora heard that, a stunned expression crossed her face and a look of suspicion flashed across her eyes. It was as if she was doubting my intelligence.

Her offer to quote my own price was merely empty words. People who made such an offer were trying to seek a sense of superiority while expressing their sincerity to collaborate. Furthermore, the quoted price had to fall within fifty percent of the reasonable range. This was an unspoken rule in the industry. Although the person that made the offer would have to sacrifice more, both would be willing parties. After all, no one would go against money.

However, I took her words seriously that day.

George had transferred Fuller Corporation's stocks to me. Although I did not own as much as Ashton, the stocks probably amounted to around five hundred million, considering how much Fuller Corporation had developed. Yet, I quoted a price of thirty billion, which was six times the market price. Thora was polite enough to merely remark that it "doesn't seem appropriate," but others who were more hot-headed would have accused me of scamming them.

Thora calmed herself down and asked impatiently, "What about eight billion?"

It was the highest price within the reasonable range. Plus, she even threw in an additional five hundred million. I had to admit that it was quite a tempting offer.

However, the fact that she wanted the stocks at all costs implied that there was an ulterior motive behind her actions.

After thinking about it, I leaned back and spread my hands. "I'm not selling them."

I paused for a while and looked at Thora's unreadable gaze. Smiling, I said smugly, "Although my marriage with Ashton ended in failure, I'm not a fool. With his capabilities, Fuller Corporation will only become better and better. I can get far more than eight billion. Why should I pass such an opportune path of success to someone else?"

Thora probably did not expect a spoilt woman like me to be so difficult to deal with.

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"Ten billion. And we'll sign the contract today," declared Thora, giving it her all. She narrowed her alluring eyes as a sharp look crept into them. "It's true that Fuller Corporation has great potential to expand, but it'll need a powerful force to back them up. Ashton can't do that alone, but I can. Ms. Stovall, nothing in this world can be gain without putting in the effort. If you refuse to sell your stocks, Fuller Corporation might lose its best investor. By then, you might even lose your current five hundred million, let alone the ten billion I'm offering you now. It's better if you consider it wisely."

To be honest, her words were quite persuasive. If George hadn't been the one to entrust them to me, I would have been tempted.

Looking at her sincere expression, I feigned a look of revelation. My ignorant act was quite convincing.

When Thora's expression relaxed slightly, I smirked and continued with my stubborn insistence. "I've thought it through, and I still won't sell them."

Afraid that she could not hear me clearly, I deliberately articulated every single word. "Ms. Ziegler, you know very well that with the support of the Stovall and Moore family, I don't lack money. I don't need to sell my stocks to sustain myself. In fact, you just reminded me. Although Fuller Corporation is only confined to the national market now, you're already yearning to buy its stocks at all costs. When Fuller Corporation catches the eye of investors and bankers at Wall Street in the future, I'm afraid that demand for its stocks will exceed its supply significantly. No amount of money can buy them. If that's the case, why should I sell them?"

Thora's face clouded over when she heard that. As she stared at me with her intelligent gaze, a look of fury flashed across her eyes. "You're smarter than I imagined."

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I pursed my lips and gave no reply.

Indeed, a woman who took the words "quote your own price" at face value seriously should not be smart enough to hoard Fuller Corporation's stocks. However, I needed to thank Thora for indirectly giving me an excuse. Otherwise, I would not be able to find a reason to reject the extra two billion she offered for no reason.

Our gazes locked for a while before Thora suddenly looked like she remembered something. She stood up abruptly, grabbed her bag, and turned around. After she took a few steps, she froze in her tracks and glanced back at me coldly. "I'll change your mind."

"I'm looking forward to it." I pretended to look listless and leaned against my chair, looking like an ignorant hooligan.

Not staying for long, Thora exited the room.

Immediately afterward, I dialed Ashton's personal number.

When he picked up the call, he spoke before me. "Did Thora look for you?"

I smiled and nodded. "You've already guessed it?"

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"Pitcoin is so profitable now, but the Ziegler family can't dabble in it. Considering how strong-headed Thora is, she'll definitely not let this opportunity go. But since this is such a risky investment, she can't possibly involve her company in it. Naturally, she'd want to use me. Since you're the second-largest shareholder in the company, there's no one else who she'll look for," explained Ashton calmly.

However, I was still puzzled. "Didn't the Ziegler family collaborated with the Trivett family previously? Why didn't the Trivett family rope them into partaking in such a profitable opportunity?"

It was only after listening to Ashton's explanation that I understood the reason why the Trivett family fell out with the Ziegler family. It was all because of Mitchell.

Carolyn, the youngest daughter in the Trivett family, was a lively, smart, and beautiful girl. Everyone in the family adored and doted on her. It was also precisely because of that that her personality was quite wild and proud—she could not stand any injustices at all. Back then, Mitchell's horrible reputation was already known to all. To protect her, the Trivetts carefully prevented her from meeting him. They even chose the second-best elite school in the city so that they could avoid the unfortunate incident of Mitchell taking a liking to Carolyn.

However, K City was not exactly a large place. The children in the upper-class society usually frequented the same few places. At the birthday party of the son of a listed company's president, Mitchell met Carolyn and a conflict broke out. Yearning for revenge, Mitchell stopped the Trivetts' car the next day, kidnapped Carolyn, and forced himself upon her.

After the incident, the Trivetts sent Carolyn overseas and cut off all ties with the Ziegler family.

"Mitchell really sabotaged his family a lot, huh?" I could not help but lament.

"He's irrelevant. Mentioning him will only ruin our mood." Ashton sounded like he was short on time and immediately changed the topic. "Thora won't give up so easily. She might have some other tricks up her sleeve, so be on your guard."

"Okay." I knew that he was worried, but I did not want him to tire himself out excessively. Hence, I said jokingly, "You've personally tested Millie's capabilities. The Stovall family has also sent a bunch of bodyguards to protect me. I doubt anyone can harm me. On the other hand, are you sure that you want to be involved in Pitcoin?"

Pitcoin was quite a shady transaction. Naturally, I did not support it. If Ashton had other plans in mind, I needed to know them well so that I could react accordingly when I was up against Thora.

"What do you think? With both our capabilities combined, is there a need for us to seek such quick profits?" Ashton's light-hearted tone made me feel much more relieved.

It was rare to see Ashton so proud. Laughing, I said, "I know what to do now."

After a slight pause, an ingenious idea surfaced in my mind. "Since Thora wants to be involved in Pitcoin at all costs, why don't we play along with her and sabotage her plan?"

When Ashton heard that, he suddenly chuckled.

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"Why are you laughing?" I was a bit puzzled. After all, in my point of view, it was always better to make the first move.
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